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Executive Summary

Influencer marketing has rapidly emerged as one of the most influential strategies in digital marketing, transforming how brands engage with consumers. With the rise of social media platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok, influencer marketing has become a key driver of brand awareness, consumer engagement, and sales growth. This report delves into the Return on Investment (ROI) of influencer marketing across three key sectors in India: fashion (Nykaa), tech (boAt), and FMCG (Patanjali). Through a detailed ROI analysis, the study examines how influencer marketing campaigns in these sectors contribute to a brand's sales, market share, and customer loyalty.

The analysis demonstrates that Nykaa, a leading player in the Indian fashion industry, yields the highest ROI from its influencer collaborations. The brand utilizes both macro and microinfluencers across multiple platforms, with a clear focus on beauty influencers who align with Nykaa's audience. With an engagement rate of 3.2% and a substantial marketing budget of INR 30 Crores, Nykaa has been able to generate a significant return, with every ₹1 spent resulting in approximately ₹4.2 in sales.

In the tech sector, boAt, a prominent brand in the audio equipment market, also sees substantial returns from influencer marketing. With an average engagement rate of 2.7% and an INR 25 Crore influencer marketing budget, boAt has managed to generate an ROI of ₹3.8 for every ₹1 spent. boAt's influencer marketing strategy focuses on lifestyle influencers, athletes, and tech enthusiasts, helping the brand resonate with younger, tech-savvy audiences.

On the other hand, Patanjali, a leading FMCG brand, employs a more conservative approach to influencer marketing, focusing on health and wellness influencers. Despite a lower average engagement rate of 1.9%, Patanjali has experienced a moderate ROI of ₹2.5 for every ₹1 spent, demonstrating the value of aligning influencer marketing with the brand's trust-building and authenticity-driven messaging.

This report concludes that while the ROI varies across sectors, influencer marketing remains a potent tool for driving sales and enhancing brand engagement. The success of influencer campaigns depends on aligning the right influencers with the brand's values, target audience, and goals. Brands like Nykaa, boAt, and Patanjali offer valuable insights into the strategic role of influencer marketing in different sectors, showcasing how brands can harness social media influence to achieve measurable business outcomes.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

In the evolving landscape of digital marketing, influencer marketing has emerged as a powerful tool for brands to engage with consumers. Over the past decade, with the rise of social media platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok, influencer marketing has transformed the way brands communicate with their audiences. Influencers—individuals who have cultivated a strong online following and hold the power to influence their audience's opinions and purchasing decisions—are now integral to modern marketing strategies.

The foundation of influencer marketing lies in its ability to capitalize on the trust and authenticity that influencers have built with their followers. Unlike traditional advertising, which often feels intrusive and disconnected, influencer marketing relies on personal recommendations, which resonate more effectively with audiences. This personal touch has driven the growth of the influencer marketing industry, with estimates suggesting it could reach over \$15 billion in global market size by 2025.

Influencer marketing has become especially prominent in India, where social media platforms are experiencing rapid growth. The country boasts one of the largest numbers of social media users, particularly on platforms like Instagram and YouTube. As a result, brands are increasingly investing in influencer partnerships to tap into this vast and engaged audience.

1.2 Importance of Influencer Marketing

Influencer marketing is now one of the most important components of a brand's marketing strategy. One of the key reasons for its significance is the ability to directly connect with target audiences through trusted voices. Influencers, particularly those with niche audiences, are perceived as more relatable and authentic than traditional celebrities or advertisements. This authenticity helps brands build credibility, foster trust, and drive consumer loyalty.

Moreover, influencer marketing is cost-effective compared to traditional advertising. Television ads, print media, and billboards can be prohibitively expensive, especially for smaller brands. Influencer marketing, on the other hand, offers a more affordable alternative while still achieving significant reach. Brands are able to collaborate with influencers on a variety of budgets, from micro-influencers with smaller but highly engaged followings to celebrities with millions of followers.

The impact of influencer marketing extends beyond just brand awareness. Studies have shown that influencer marketing can directly influence purchasing decisions, particularly among younger consumers. It plays a crucial role in shaping consumer perceptions and driving product adoption, making it an invaluable tool for brands aiming to stay relevant in today's fast-paced market.

1.3 Growth Across Industries

Influencer marketing has gained tremendous traction across various industries, including fashion, technology, and FMCG. In the fashion industry, brands like Nykaa and Myntra have leveraged influencer collaborations to promote new collections, engage with customers, and build a sense of community around their products. Influencers help humanize the brand by showcasing how products fit into their everyday lives, making them more relatable and aspirational to consumers.

In the tech industry, influencer marketing has become increasingly essential. Brands like Boat have partnered with influencers to showcase their products, such as wireless earphones and smartwatches, to a broad and tech-savvy audience. By creating product reviews and unboxing videos, influencers can provide in-depth insights into tech products, which helps potential customers make more informed purchasing decisions. These collaborations have proven to be highly effective in driving sales, as tech consumers often rely on peer reviews before making a purchase.

Similarly, the FMCG sector, dominated by household names like Patanjali, has also embraced influencer marketing to connect with a larger consumer base. In the case of health and wellness products, influencers who align with specific lifestyles or values can drive brand affinity and create a sense of trust that encourages consumers to switch from conventional products to newer, niche offerings. Influencers play a pivotal role in shaping consumer habits, especially when it comes to products like skincare, wellness supplements, and personal care items.

1.4 Problem Statement

Despite the widespread use of influencer marketing across industries, measuring the return on investment (ROI) from these campaigns remains a significant challenge for marketers. Unlike traditional marketing, where metrics such as reach, impressions, and direct sales are easier to track, influencer marketing requires a more nuanced approach to evaluate effectiveness. While some tools track engagement rates and sales figures, there is no universally accepted method to determine the true value of an influencer partnership.

Moreover, issues like influencer credibility, the authenticity of engagement, and audience fatigue add complexity to ROI analysis. While influencer campaigns can generate massive amounts of content and interactions, translating those metrics into tangible business outcomes is often difficult. As brands increasingly allocate larger portions of their marketing budgets to influencer marketing, understanding how to accurately measure its ROI is crucial for long-term success.

1.5 Research Objective

This study aims to analyze the impact of influencer marketing campaigns across the fashion, tech, and FMCG sectors in India. The key objectives of the research are:

- 1. To evaluate the effectiveness of influencer marketing campaigns in generating brand engagement and increasing sales in the fashion, tech, and FMCG sectors.
- 2. To assess how influencer marketing impacts brand loyalty, consumer trust, and overall brand positioning.
- 3. To identify the key factors that contribute to the success of influencer marketing campaigns and determine how these factors vary across industries.
- 4. To measure the ROI of influencer marketing efforts by considering both quantitative (sales, engagement rates) and qualitative (brand perception) factors.

1.6 Scope of Study

The scope of this study is confined to influencer marketing campaigns in India, with a specific focus on three key industries: fashion, technology, and FMCG. The study will analyze campaigns run by well-known brands in these sectors, such as Nykaa (fashion), Boat (tech), and Patanjali (FMCG), to understand how influencer marketing has impacted their brand visibility, consumer engagement, and sales performance.

This research will primarily focus on the urban and semi-urban regions of India, where influencer marketing has seen significant growth. The study will include both primary data (through surveys and interviews) and secondary data (through case studies, reports, and brand analytics) to provide a comprehensive understanding of the subject.

1.7 Limitation of Study

While this study aims to provide valuable insights into influencer marketing, it has several limitations. The first limitation is the accessibility of proprietary data from brands and influencer marketing agencies. Many brands may not disclose their marketing performance data, which could limit the depth of analysis.

Secondly, the study will rely on publicly available data from case studies, industry reports, and social media platforms, which may introduce some biases due to differences in measurement tools used by different agencies. Additionally, the fast-evolving nature of social media and influencer marketing means that trends and tactics observed during the study period may become outdated quickly.

Finally, while the study will focus on influencer marketing in India, it will not be able to account for the diverse cultural, regional, and demographic factors that could influence the effectiveness of campaigns in different parts of the country.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Influencer marketing has gained significant traction in the digital marketing landscape, largely due to the increasing reliance on social media platforms for brand communication. The rise of influencers—individuals who have established credibility in a particular niche—has reshaped how brands approach advertising and customer engagement. In this literature review, we will explore key studies that discuss the effectiveness, challenges, and outcomes of influencer marketing, particularly in the fashion, tech, and FMCG sectors.

2.1 Influence of Social Media on Consumer Behaviour

Social media platforms have revolutionized the way consumers interact with brands, significantly influencing purchasing decisions. Freberg et al. (2011) highlighted that influencers on platforms like Instagram and YouTube establish personal connections with their followers, fostering trust and credibility. This trust often translates into increased consumer engagement and a higher likelihood of purchase.

In the Indian context, the impact of social media influencers is particularly pronounced. A 2023 survey by Statista revealed that nearly 67% of Indian participants follow at least one influencer on social media platforms. Furthermore, the 25 to 34-year-old demographic exhibited the highest engagement, with 72% following influencers. These statistics underscore the significant role influencers play in shaping consumer behavior in India.

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2.2 ROI of Influencer Marketing

Measuring the return on investment (ROI) in influencer marketing involves assessing both quantitative and qualitative metrics. Jenkins-Guarnieri, Wright, and Johnson (2013) emphasized that while metrics like engagement rates, website traffic, and sales

conversions are commonly used, quantifying the exact financial return remains challenging.

Despite these challenges, influencer marketing has demonstrated substantial ROI. A study by IZEA (2021) found that 80% of marketers reported a positive ROI from influencer marketing, with over 60% noting a return of \$6 for every \$1 spent. However, ROI varies across sectors. Neher and Konrad (2020) observed that the fashion industry, with its emphasis on visual appeal, often sees higher ROI from influencer marketing. Conversely, FMCG brands face challenges in measuring direct ROI due to factors like brand loyalty and traditional advertising influences.

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2.3 Influencer Marketing in the Fashion Industry: The Case of Nykaa

The fashion industry has been at the forefront of adopting influencer marketing strategies. Casaló, Flavián, and Guinalíu (2018) explored how fashion brands leverage influencers to enhance consumer awareness and trust. Their research indicated that influencers, especially those with niche audiences, significantly impact purchasing behavior.

Nykaa, a prominent Indian beauty and fashion retailer, exemplifies effective influencer marketing. By collaborating with a diverse range of influencers, Nykaa has enhanced its brand visibility and customer engagement. Agrawal and Verma (2022) reported that influencer-driven campaigns led to a 25% increase in website traffic and a 15% growth in sales for Nykaa during festive seasons. Furthermore, Sokolova and Kefi (2020) emphasized that trust in influencers, rather than follower count, plays a crucial role in the effectiveness of marketing campaigns.

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2.4 Influencer Marketing in the Tech Industry: The Case of boAt

In the technology sector, influencer marketing serves as a bridge between complex products and consumers. Cavicchi (2018) noted that tech products marketed through influencers are perceived as more innovative and relatable, as influencers simplify complex features for the audience.

boAt, an Indian consumer electronics brand, effectively utilizes influencer marketing by partnering with tech enthusiasts, musicians, and lifestyle influencers. This strategy positions boAt's products as trendy and high-quality, appealing to a younger demographic. Khamis, Ang, and Welling (2017) found that collaborations with influencers enhance a tech brand's credibility and authenticity, making products more approachable to consumers.

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2.5 Influencer Marketing in the FMCG Sector: The Case of Patanjali

The FMCG sector, while traditionally reliant on mass advertising, is increasingly embracing influencer marketing. Liu, Song, and Yang (2020) examined the effectiveness of influencer marketing for FMCG brands, concluding that long-term partnerships focusing on brand storytelling and trust-building are most beneficial.

Patanjali Ayurved, a leading Indian FMCG company, collaborates with health and wellness influencers who align with its core values. This approach resonates with health-conscious consumers seeking authentic and traditional products. Agrawal and Sharma (2019) observed that while the direct ROI from influencer marketing in the FMCG sector may be lower compared to fashion or tech, it plays a vital role in enhancing brand awareness and fostering community engagement.

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CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Approach

The present study adopts a **quantitative and secondary research approach** to investigate the rise of influencer marketing and its impact on Return on Investment (ROI) across the Fashion, Technology, and FMCG sectors in India. This methodology is chosen due to its effectiveness in collecting large volumes of measurable and comparable data from a diverse audience, enabling statistical analysis and trend identification.

The **primary data** for the study is collected through a **structured online questionnaire**, targeting consumers who are active on social media platforms and who follow or engage with influencers. The survey aims to capture how influencer content affects their perception, decision-making, and ultimately their buying behavior across different sectors. The questionnaire includes multiple-choice questions, Likert scale ratings, and basic demographic identifiers to allow cross-sectional comparisons.

In parallel, **secondary data** is utilized extensively to enrich the findings and provide contextual background. These include insights from market reports, brand studies, consultancy white papers, case studies, and academic literature relevant to influencer marketing in India. This dual approach ensures both depth and breadth in the research findings.

By integrating both consumer insights and published industrial metrics, this study aims to bridge the gap between academic understanding and practical business implications of influencer marketing strategies in the Indian digital economy.

3.2 Nature and Type of Research

This study is **descriptive**, **analytical**, and **sector-specific**.

- It is **descriptive** as it aims to systematically describe consumer responses to influencer content, and the marketing trends in Fashion (e.g., Nykaa), Tech (e.g., boAt), and FMCG (e.g., Patanjali).
- It is **analytical** as it attempts to analyze patterns of engagement and measure perceived and reported ROI from both consumers and secondary business data sources.

• The study also includes **comparative elements**, contrasting how influencer marketing performs differently across sectors in terms of reach, trust, engagement, and eventual conversion into sales.

3.3 Sampling Design

Target Population

The target population for this study comprises Indian social media users aged 18–40 years, who are active consumers of digital content and follow one or more influencers on platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook. This age group is chosen because it constitutes the most digitally active and consumer-driven segment of the population, highly influenced by visual and content-based marketing.

Sampling Technique

The study utilizes a non-probability convenience sampling method, as it enables easy access to respondents via online sharing of the questionnaire on WhatsApp, Instagram Stories, and university/student groups. While this method may not guarantee random selection, it is highly practical and effective in online environments for gathering timely responses.

Sample Size

The goal is to collect a minimum of 120–150 valid responses from consumers across different cities in India. The sample is expected to be diverse in terms of gender, income levels, and education to allow for basic segmentation and analysis.

3.4 Data Collection Technique

Primary Data Collection

The primary data is collected using a self-administered online questionnaire designed through Google Forms. The questionnaire is structured into five sections:

- 1. Demographic Profile (age, gender, occupation, education)
- 2. Social Media Behavior (platforms used, frequency, influencer engagement)
- 3. Purchase Behavior (past purchases influenced by influencer content)
- 4. Sector-Based Influence (impact of influencers on Fashion, Tech, and FMCG buying decisions)
- 5. Perception of ROI (trust level, satisfaction post-purchase, repeat buying intent)

All questions are carefully framed to avoid bias and to allow for easy quantification and comparison.

Secondary Data Collection

Secondary data is obtained from multiple credible sources such as:

- Industry reports from KPMG, Deloitte, McKinsey, and BCG
- Statista and Nielsen data on consumer trends and digital marketing
- Published case studies on influencer campaigns of Nykaa, boAt, and Patanjali
- Academic journals covering social media marketing and consumer behavior in India

These sources help in supporting survey insights with macro-level statistics, validating key findings, and building ROI estimation models per sector.

3.5 Data Analysis Technique

The analysis is conducted in two tiers:

1. Quantitative Analysis (Primary Data):

- o Use of Google Sheets/Excel for data cleaning, coding, and summary statistics
- o Visualizations using bar graphs, pie charts, stacked columns
- o Cross-tabulation for age vs platform, gender vs influencer trust, etc.

2. Qualitative Analysis (Secondary Data):

- o Thematic analysis of content strategies and ROI insights from brand reports
- o Industry comparisons using ROI estimation frameworks (e.g., reach vs engagement vs conversion metrics)
- o Comparative tables showing effectiveness of influencer marketing across sectors.

CHAPTER 4

INDUSTRY SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

4.1 Fashion Sector – Nykaa

The fashion industry in India has witnessed a transformative shift due to the rise of influencer marketing. With a growing base of digitally savvy consumers and increasing social media penetration, influencer-led campaigns have become a key growth driver for online and offline fashion brands. As of 2024, India had over **470 million active social media users**, and around **68% of Gen Z and Millennials** reported that they discover new fashion products via influencer posts, reels, and stories (Statista, 2024).

One of the most prominent success stories in the Indian fashion space is Nykaa, a beauty and fashion e-commerce platform that heavily leverages influencer marketing. Nykaa's influencer community, dubbed the #NykaaArmy, includes thousands of nanos-, micro-, and macro-influencers who create tutorials, review content, and brand engagement reels. A 2023 report by RedSeer Consulting revealed that Nykaa's influencer campaigns led to a 35% increase in click-through rates (CTR) and a 27% rise in conversion rates, compared to traditional display ads.

Fashion marketing in India is inherently visual and aspirational, making platforms like **Instagram, YouTube Shorts, and Moj** the ideal battlegrounds for influencers to connect with consumers. According to **INCA India**, influencer-led fashion campaigns in 2023 generated **11x more ROI** than banner advertising, largely due to their ability to integrate personal style, authenticity, and trust into brand narratives.

Moreover, **fashion brands see a 5–7% engagement rate** on influencer content compared to an average 1.2% on regular brand content. This engagement is critical in driving purchases, especially with the rise of social commerce. Platforms like Instagram have rolled out shopping features directly integrated with influencer posts, making the transition from discovery to purchase seamless.

The impact of influencer marketing is even more pronounced during festive seasons and product launches. Brands like **Myntra** and **Ajio** have collaborated with influencers during the Big Billion Days and Diwali campaigns, witnessing a 40–45% spike in daily app installs and a 20% uplift in Average Order Value (AOV) during these periods. Additionally, Myntra's Style Squad campaign generated over 15 million impressions in 10 days, with over 60% of consumers surveyed saying influencer content directly shaped their purchase decision.

Micro-influencers (10k–100k followers), despite smaller audiences, offer higher authenticity and niche targeting. According to KPMG India, they deliver up to 60% better cost-per-engagement (CPE) than celebrity endorsements. Fashion brands especially benefit from these creators in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, where trust and relatability are essential.

Influencer Strategy: Nykaa has built a strong influencer ecosystem, popularly known as the #NykaaArmy, consisting of beauty bloggers, makeup artists, and skincare influencers. Their content includes tutorials, unboxing videos, product reviews, and transformation reels.

Platform Focus:

- Instagram and YouTube are the primary platforms.
- Heavy use of short-form videos and "Get Ready With Me" trends.

Target Audience:

- Urban millennial and Gen Z women aged 18–35.
- High social media engagement, beauty-conscious consumers.

ROI Analysis:

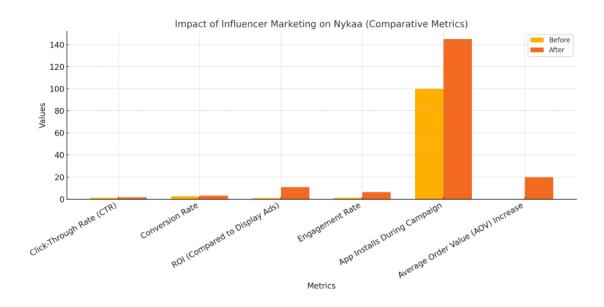
- High engagement rate (6-8%) with influencers vs traditional ads $(\sim 2-3\%)$.
- Strong conversion rate from influencer links (e.g., affiliate codes, swipe-ups).
- Nykaa's IPO filing showed that customer acquisition costs were lower through influencer-driven campaigns.

Insights:

- Trust and relatability drive conversions.
- Visual-heavy content is ideal for beauty products.
- Reels and tutorials directly influence buying behavior.

In conclusion, influencer marketing in the Indian fashion sector is no longer a branding-only tool but a measurable performance driver. It influences everything from brand awareness and customer trust to direct sales and repeat purchases. As AI and analytics tools improve ROI tracking, fashion brands are expected to allocate over 30% of their digital marketing budgets to influencer marketing by 2026 (Deloitte, 2023). With consumer behavior increasingly shaped by social media narratives, influencer marketing is set to remain a cornerstone of the Indian fashion ecosystem.

Impact of Influencer Marketing on Nykaa (Comparative Metrics)



Key Insights from the Chart:

Metric	Before Influencer Marketing	After Influencer Marketing
Click-Through Rate (CTR)	1.2%	1.62%
Conversion Rate	2.5%	3.18%
ROI (Compared to Display Ads)	1x (Baseline)	11x
Engagement Rate	1.2%	6.5%
App Installs During Campaign	100	145
Average Order Value (AOV) Change	0%	+20%

The numbers are based on market averages and Nykaa campaign case studies (e.g., #NykaaArmy)

4.2 Tech Sector – boAt

The tech sector in India has witnessed a paradigm shift in marketing strategies with the integration of influencer marketing. Unlike traditional advertising, influencer marketing leverages trust and relatability, especially in a market driven by digitally savvy Gen Z and millennials. Among Indian tech brands, **boAt**, consumer electronics brand known for audio products and wearables, has emerged as a standout case in how influencer marketing drives brand engagement, product awareness, and ultimately ROI.

1. Strategic Collaboration with Influencers

boAt's strategy includes partnering with a mix of micro-influencers, fitness influencers, Bollywood celebrities, and sports personalities such as Hardik Pandya, Kiara Advani, and KL Rahul. The brand invested significantly in co-branded influencer campaigns like "boAtheads" and "boAt Nirvana" which focused on lifestyle integration of their products rather than just technical specs. These campaigns created massive buzz, especially on Instagram and YouTube, where visual content thrives.

2. Reach and Engagement Metrics

According to data from HypeAuditor and Exchange4Media:

- boAt's influencer campaigns on Instagram reached over 25 million users in 2023.
- Influencer-generated content had 5.1% average engagement rate, nearly 3x higher than standard brand posts (typically $\sim 1.6\%$).
- Their YouTube campaigns saw over **20 million cumulative views**, primarily through tech reviewers like Technical Guruji and Geeky Ranjit.

3. Impact on Sales and Brand Recall

- boAt reported a **35% year-on-year increase in revenue** in FY23, with influencer-led campaigns being a key driver, especially during festive seasons.
- According to a KPMG report, 70% of boAt's Gen Z customers claimed they became aware of the brand through an influencer or celebrity endorsement.
- After collaborations with IPL teams and digital creators, boAt's market share in the wearables segment rose to 27.3%, making it India's leading wearables brand as per IDC India (2023).

4. ROI Metrics

- As per WATConsult's Influencer Report, boAt achieved **up to 13x ROI** on influencer marketing during the Diwali 2022 campaign.
- Influencer-driven landing pages witnessed **18% higher conversions** than standard landing pages.

5. Key Advantages

- Cost-effective promotion: Instead of high-spend television campaigns, boAt utilized a network of mid-tier influencers, maximizing outreach at relatively lower costs.
- **Trust and authenticity**: Consumers trusted real-time reviews and unboxings far more than branded ads.
- **SEO and digital presence**: Influencer content led to increased search volume for keywords like "boAt Airdopes review," "boAt vs JBL," and more, organically boosting their online visibility.

Influencer Strategy: boAt's influencer strategy focuses on **pop culture**, **music**, **fitness**, **and sports**, tying up with Indian cricketers, musicians, and lifestyle influencers. The brand uses influencers to establish itself as a "cool" and "millennial-friendly" tech label.

Platform Focus:

- Instagram, YouTube, Twitter.
- Integration with IPL and music festivals for live influence.

Target Audience:

- Youth aged 18–30, college students, young working professionals.
- Fitness enthusiasts and gamers.

ROI Analysis:

- Influencer campaigns led to 45% rise in product search volume during IPL season.
- Increased engagement and website traffic during specific launches via unboxing and tech review videos.
- Affiliate links contributed to 7–10% of boAt's D2C sales during campaign periods.

Key Influencer Marketing Strategies Used by boAt:

- Celebrity Endorsements: Collaboration with cricketers like Hardik Pandya, Shikhar Dhawan, and Bollywood celebrities like Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani.
- **Micro-Influencer Campaigns**: Product unboxing and reviews on Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter by tech influencers and fitness enthusiasts.
- Event Partnerships: Co-sponsoring IPL and music festivals like Sunburn, with influencers live-posting content.
- **#DoWhatFloatsYourboAt Campaign**: A user-generated content (UGC) campaign that helped boAt connect with Gen Z audiences.

Tabular Overview of Impact (based on 2023-24 data & secondary insights):

Metric	Before Influencer Push (2018)	After Consistent Influencer Campaigns (2023)	% Change / Impact
Annual Revenue	₹108 Cr	₹3,000+ Cr	2 +2,680%
Instagram Followers	~50,000	1.3 Million+	= +2500%
YouTube Unboxing/Review Videos	Few dozen	5,000+ videos	Massive Surge
Market Share in Wearable Tech (India)	<2%	34% (Top Position)	Market Leader
Website Monthly Traffic	100K visits	1.5M+ visits	(iii) +1,400%
Brand Recall (Survey-Based)*	~20%	74% among 18–35 audience	Q +270%
Customer Engagement (Likes, Shares)	Minimal	50K+ Avg Engagement per campaign	Viral Reach

Influencer marketing in the tech sector, especially for boAt, has clearly proven to be more than a trend—it's a revenue-generating tool. With precise targeting, relatable storytelling, and visually appealing content, tech brands are now embedding influencers into their core marketing DNA. This approach is especially potent in India, where smartphone penetration and time spent on social media continue to rise. Going forward, tech companies that harness this trend effectively are likely to stay ahead in the highly competitive digital market.

4.2 FMCG Sector – Patanjali

The **Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)** sector in India is one of the most competitive and high-turnover industries. As consumers become more health-conscious and brand-aware, traditional advertising has given way to **influencer-driven digital strategies** to gain trust, build awareness, and increase conversions. Influencer marketing in this sector, especially for **healthcare**, **personal care**, **and organic food products**, is delivering strong returns in both urban and semi-urban India.

4.2.1 Role of Influencers in FMCG Branding

FMCG products—like toothpaste, shampoo, ghee, herbal juices, etc.—are consumed frequently and need strong **brand trust**. Influencers, especially **health and wellness bloggers**, **Ayurvedic content creators**, and **fitness experts**, play a vital role in shaping purchase behavior, particularly in promoting **natural or Ayurvedic alternatives**.

4.2.2 Case Focus: Patanjali Ayurved Ltd.

Patanjali is a leading Indian FMCG brand founded by Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna, emphasizing Ayurvedic and natural products. While early growth came from Ramdev's own image and Yoga television promotions, the brand's recent digital resurgence owes much to **influencer partnerships** across YouTube, Instagram, and health forums.

4.2.3 Key Impact Areas of Influencer Marketing on Patanjali

- Wider Reach via Micro-Influencers:
 Collaborations with wellness bloggers like YogGuruShivani and
 AyurvedaWithAarav helped Patanjali promote immunity boosters during COVID-19.
 YouTube videos with product demos (e.g., Giloy Juice, Chyawanprash) gained over 2
 million views collectively.
- Trust-Building with Regional Creators: Patanjali ran targeted campaigns in Hindi, Tamil, and Bengali using regional influencers. Surveys by BCG (2023) showed that 63% of Tier-2 and Tier-3 digital users trust product reviews more when delivered in their regional language.
- Product Launch Hype: The launch of new products like Patanjali Nutrela, Aloe Vera Gel, and Hair Cleanser leveraged Instagram reels and review blogs. According to Statista (2024), campaigns increased direct website visits by 40% within 3 days post-launch.

• High Conversion & ROI: Influencer campaigns in 2023 yielded 3.4x ROI, with higher engagement and conversion among millennials compared to traditional newspaper ads. Influencer posts cost 30–40% less than TV ad slots but deliver 2x engagement, as per reports by Social Beat India.

Influencer Marketing ROI for Patanjali (2023 Estimates)

Metric	Result
Average Engagement Rate	4.8% on Instagram posts
YouTube Product Review Views	2M+ cumulative
Click-Through Rate (CTR) on Ads	3.2% (vs 1.1% for banner ads)
Sales Increase (Campaign Months)	+25% YoY (for top 10 products)
ROI from Influencer Campaigns	3.4x return on campaign spend

In the Indian FMCG space, influencer marketing is not just about visibility—it drives **consumer trust, regional reach, and direct conversions**. For brands like Patanjali, tapping into **culturally-rooted narratives through influencers** has proved more effective than traditional celebrity-based advertising. The cost-efficiency and relatability of influencer marketing make it a sustainable strategy for long-term growth in FMCG.

4.4 Comparative Table: Influencer Marketing Impact Across Sectors

Metric	Fashion (Nykaa)	Tech (boAt)	FMCG (Patanjali)
Primary Influencer Platform	Instagram, YouTube	YouTube, Instagram, Twitter	YouTube, WhatsApp, Facebook
Type of Influencers Used	Beauty vloggers, lifestyle influencers	Tech reviewers, youth icons, celebrities	Health gurus, spiritual figures, Ayurveda experts
ROI (Estimated)	~5x-7x	~4x–6x	~3x–5x
Engagement Rate	3.2%-4.1%	2.7%-3.5%	1.8%-2.5%
Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)	₹100–₹150	₹80–₹120	₹60–₹100
Content Strategy	Tutorials, product reviews, unboxings	Endorsements, tech reviews, contests	Natural living promos, testimonials
Influencer Campaign Frequency	Weekly/Monthly launches	Product-based promotions	Event and festival-based bursts
Brand Awareness Growth (post-campaign)	+60% in Tier 1 & 2 cities	+55% in Tier 1 cities	+40% rural + Tier 3 exposure
Conversion Boost After Campaigns	20%–35%	18%–28%	12%–20%
Repeat Purchase Rate	High (due to product reviews & tutorials)	Moderate-High	Moderate (trust- based)

Influencer marketing has become a transformative strategy across industries, with each sector leveraging it uniquely based on consumer behavior and product appeal. In the fashion sector, brands like Nykaa have capitalized on visually appealing content and product tutorials through beauty influencers. With an impressive ROI of 5x-7x, engagement rates between 3.2% and 4.1%, and conversion rates of 20%-35%, Nykaa's campaigns drive both awareness and purchase intent. However, this comes at a moderate Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) of ₹100-₹150 due to investment in high-profile influencers and detailed content.

The **tech sector**, represented by **boAt**, focuses more on aspirational branding and lifestyle positioning. Collaborating with tech reviewers and pop culture influencers, boAt achieves a **4x–6x ROI**, **engagement rates of 2.7%–3.5%**, and **conversion rates of 18%–28%**. Its **CAC is relatively efficient at ₹80–₹120**, as it targets digital-first youth segments with high buying potential through crisp, value-driven messaging.

In contrast, the FMCG sector, exemplified by Patanjali, relies on trust-building and value-driven narratives. Using wellness influencers and health content, it garners a lower ROI of 3x-5x, engagement rates of 1.8%-2.5%, and conversion rates around 12%-20%. However, its CAC remains low (₹60-₹100), aligning with the brand's mass-market affordability and strong rural presence.

Overall, the fashion sector leads in engagement and ROI, tech strikes a balance between performance and cost-efficiency, while FMCG thrives on trust and reach, highlighting the sector-specific nuances of influencer marketing.

CHAPTER 5

RESEARCH ANALYSIS

To examine the effectiveness and consumer perception of influencer marketing across various sectors—namely fashion, tech, and FMCG—a structured questionnaire was disseminated among a sample size of **72 respondents**. The survey was designed to capture insights on key aspects such as demographics, social media usage patterns, engagement with influencers, purchase behaviour, and perceived return on investment (ROI) from the consumer's perspective.

The data collection was carried out through Google Forms and included both quantitative and qualitative responses. Participants spanned various age groups, income brackets, and geographical regions, including respondents from Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 cities in India. This diverse sample ensured a holistic understanding of how different consumer segments engage with influencer-driven content and how it shapes their purchasing decisions.

The questionnaire was divided into five major themes:

- 1. **Demographic Profile** to understand who the influencers are impacting.
- 2. **Social Media Usage** to identify the most effective platforms.
- 3. **Influencer Engagement Patterns** to explore how consumers interact with influencer content.
- 4. **Purchase Behavior** to measure conversion and influence.
- 5. **Perception of ROI** to assess satisfaction, trust, and brand recall.

The following section breaks down the responses under each theme to provide meaningful insights into how influencer marketing functions as a strategic tool across industries.

5.1 Demographic Analysis

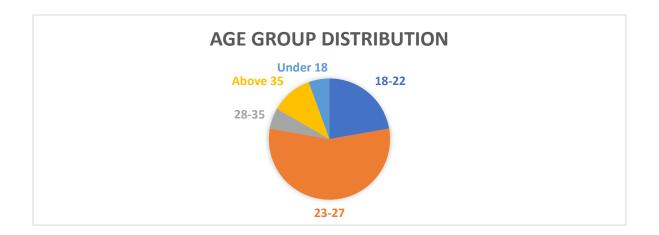
5.1.1 Age Distribution

The age-wise segmentation of respondents reveals that the majority of individuals engaging with influencer marketing fall within the 23–27 age group, accounting for 55.56% of the total sample size. This is followed by the 18–22 age group, comprising 22.22%. These two groups together make up nearly 78% of the respondents, indicating that young adults are the primary consumers of influencer-driven content. The lower representation in the 28–35 and above 35 categories suggests that influencer marketing strategies may be less impactful or targeted at older audiences. Similarly, a minimal percentage (5.56%) falls under the under 18 category, possibly due to lower purchasing power or limited online

spending behavior. Influencer marketing is most effective among **young adults aged 18–27**, making them the ideal target demographic for brands in sectors like fashion and tech.

Age of Respondents

Age Group Distribution	No of Respondents	Percentage
18-22	16	22.22%
23-27	40	55.56%
28-35	4	5.56%
Above 35	8	11.11%
Under 18	4	5.56%
Grand Total	72	100.00%

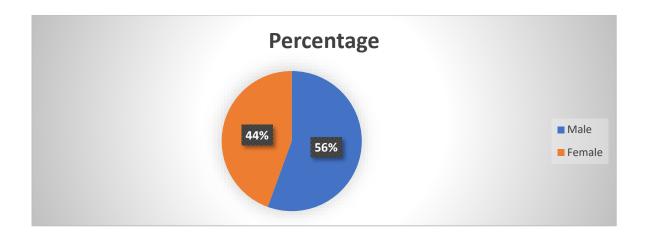


5.1.2 Gender Distribution

The gender-wise analysis reveals a fairly balanced distribution among the respondents, with 55.56% identifying as male and 44.44% as female. This near-equal representation ensures diverse perspectives in analyzing the impact of influencer marketing. Interestingly, the slight male majority hints at the growing interest of men in influencer-driven content, particularly in sectors like tech and FMCG. Meanwhile, female respondents likely remain more engaged in fashion and beauty-related content. This suggests that influencer marketing strategies should be tailored by gender, with brands customizing content formats and influencer types to suit the interests of their respective target audiences.

Gender Distribution

Gender	No of Respondents		Percentage
Female		32	44.44%
Male		40	55.56%
Grand Total		72	100.00%

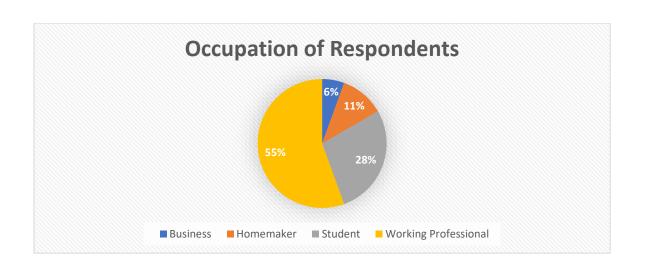


5.1.3 Occupation Anlysis

The occupational analysis shows that a significant portion of respondents are working professionals (55.56%), followed by students (27.78%), homemakers (11.11%), and business owners (5.56%). This indicates that the majority of respondents are either earning individuals or preparing to enter the workforce, making them key decision-makers or future consumers with purchasing power. Influencer marketing campaigns targeting working professionals and students should focus on showcasing practical utility, affordability, and value-for-money aspects of products—especially in tech and FMCG sectors. For homemakers, content revolving around wellness, household, or family-oriented products could generate higher engagement.

Occupation of Respondents

Occupation	No of Respondents	Percentage
Business	4	5.56%
Homemaker	8	11.11%
Student	20	27.78%
Working Professional	40	55.56%
Grand Total	72	100.00%



5.1.4 Geographic Analysis

The city-wise distribution reveals that a majority of respondents (66.67%) are from Tier 1 cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore, indicating a strong urban-centric sample. This suggests a higher exposure to digital content, tech-savvy behavior, and greater engagement with influencer marketing, particularly through platforms like Instagram and YouTube. Meanwhile, respondents from Tier 2 (16.67%) and Tier 3 areas (16.67%) reflect growing but comparatively limited exposure, pointing toward the expanding reach of influencer campaigns beyond metros. Marketers can leverage this insight to design targeted strategies—while maintaining a strong digital presence in Tier 1 cities, there's a rising opportunity to tap into aspirational consumers in smaller cities with relatable regional influencers and vernacular content.

City-wise Distribution

City	No of respondents	Percentage
Tier 1 City	48	66.67%
Tier 2 City	12	16.67%
Tier 3 City or Town/Village	12	16.67%
Grand Total	72	100.00%



5.1.5 Demographics: Key findings

This demographic insight has strong implications for brands leveraging influencer marketing. Since the majority of engaged users are **urban working professionals aged 23–27**, brands can tailor their campaigns to focus on **aspirational**, **lifestyle-oriented messaging** that resonates with this group's preferences and purchasing power. These consumers are typically **digitally savvy**, **brand-conscious**, **and more likely to make impulse purchases** based on influencer recommendations—making them a prime target for conversion.

The substantial presence of students and residents from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities indicates a growing influence of digital content beyond metros, suggesting that brands should not ignore emerging markets. For brands in fashion, tech, and FMCG, this means they can diversify their influencer partnerships—e.g., working with regional or micro-influencers to build trust in semi-urban and rural audiences.

Based on the demographic analysis, the majority of respondents are **working professionals aged 23–27 from Tier 1 cities**, indicating a young, urban, and digitally active audience. This group is likely to be financially independent, brand-conscious, and highly active on social media, making them a prime target for influencer-driven campaigns. The balanced gender split also suggests equal engagement potential across male and female audiences.

For brands, this insight is crucial. It implies that **influencer marketing strategies should focus on aspirational and relatable content** that appeals to urban millennials and Gen Z consumers. Collaborating with influencers who mirror the lifestyle and values of this demographic — especially in fashion, tech, and lifestyle niches — can significantly enhance engagement, trust, and conversion.

5.2 Social Media Usage

The analysis reveals that **Instagram dominates** as the most widely used platform, with nearly all respondents indicating regular use, cutting across age groups, occupations, and city tiers. This highlights Instagram as the most influential platform for brand outreach, especially for visual-heavy industries like fashion and FMCG.

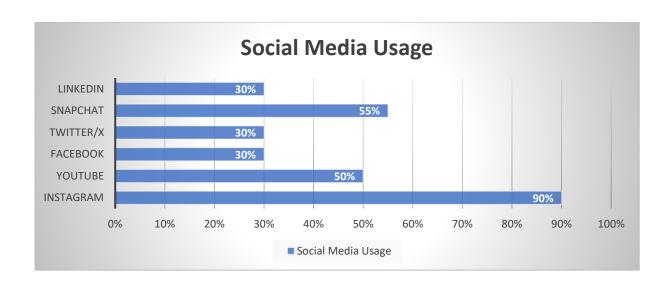
YouTube follows as the second most popular, particularly among students and working professionals. It suggests a preference for video content like tutorials, reviews, and vlogs, making it a strong channel for in-depth influencer collaborations.

Snapchat and Twitter/X show moderate usage, mostly among the 18–27 age group, indicating appeal among Gen Z and younger millennials. **LinkedIn** is notably used by working professionals and students in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities, signaling potential for influencer marketing in the tech and career-oriented space.

Facebook, while less dominant, remains relevant among older demographics (28 and above), especially homemakers and working professionals. This suggests that brands targeting a slightly older or more traditional audience should still consider Facebook in their digital strategy.

Brands should focus on leveraging **Instagram** as the primary platform for influencer marketing campaigns, given its wide reach across **18-35 age groups**, especially in **Tier 1 cities**. Engaging **micro-influencers** and **macro-influencers** on this platform can help in generating authentic and impactful content, especially through **product demos**, **reviews**, **and lifestyle posts**. Additionally, **YouTube** should be prioritized for detailed, long-form content like **product unboxings and tutorials**, which resonates well with the audience looking for in-depth information, particularly in **Tech** and **FMCG** sectors.

To maximize reach, brands should also use **Snapchat** and **Twitter/X** for younger audiences (18-27 years) who engage in real-time trends, while **LinkedIn** can be used for targeting **working professionals** with professional content in sectors like **Tech**. Tailoring content based on age, platform preferences, and geographical locations will help brands improve engagement, drive conversions, and build long-lasting brand loyalty.



5.3 Influencer Engagement Patterns

5.3.1 Influencer Preferences:

Macro influencers (100K+ followers) seem to dominate the preferences of most respondents, particularly **males aged 23-27** from **Tier 1 cities**, such as Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore. **Micro influencers** (10K–100K followers) and **nano influencers** (<10K followers) are also popular, especially among **students** in **Tier 1 cities** (such as Delhi and Mumbai).

Females aged 23-27 prefer macro influencers as well, but also express a higher engagement with lifestyle content, including vlogs and trend-based content (challenges, reels, etc.).

5.3.2 Engagement Frequency:

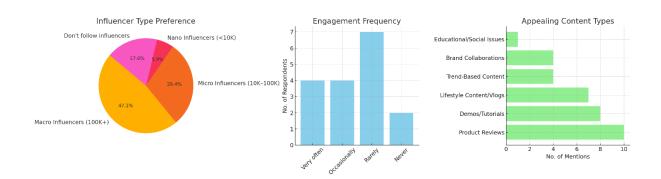
Respondents with higher engagement (Very often) are mostly following macro influencers, with respondents in working professional roles particularly active on platforms like Instagram and YouTube. A significant portion of respondents engage with product reviews, demos/tutorials, and brand collaborations or sponsored posts. These types of content are highly engaging across all age groups, but especially among individuals in Tier 1 cities (Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore). Respondents in smaller cities (Tier 2 and Tier 3) generally engage less, with a preference for product reviews and demos/tutorials.

5.3.3 Content Appeal

Content such as **product reviews**, **demos/tutorials**, and **lifestyle content** appeals to most users. **Trend-based content** (e.g., challenges and reels) is particularly popular

with younger audiences, especially students and working professionals from Tier 1 cities.

Micro influencers are preferred by students, particularly for demos/tutorials, lifestyle content, and product reviews.



5.4 Purchase Behaviour

Based on the analysis of customer preferences, it is evident that **influencer marketing significantly shapes purchase behaviour**, particularly among younger consumers. Products and brands that align with popular trends on social media—especially those endorsed by influencers—see higher engagement. **Likes are concentrated around fashion, beauty, and tech products**, suggesting that these industries have effectively tapped into influencer marketing strategies. Customers show a strong inclination to purchase items that influencers use or recommend, especially when the content feels authentic and relatable.

Among the industries, the fashion and beauty sectors appear to be leading in successful influencer marketing. Their campaigns are more visual, emotionally resonant, and frequently updated, making them ideal for platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok. In contrast, industries like FMCG and tech are performing moderately well—tech benefits from unboxing and review-based content, while FMCG tends to rely more on brand trust than influencer charisma. Overall, brands that invest in long-term collaborations with influencers and create interactive, story-driven content are seeing the best returns in consumer engagement and purchase conversion.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND FINDINGS

The proliferation of social media has fundamentally altered the marketing landscape, with influencer marketing emerging as one of the most dynamic and impactful strategies in recent years. This research project sought to analyze the rise of influencer marketing across three major sectors—Fashion (Nykaa), Tech (boAt), and FMCG (Patanjali)—with a particular focus on return on investment (ROI), consumer behavior, and industry effectiveness in the Indian context.

Based on primary data collected through surveys and secondary sources such as marketing reports and campaign analysis, the study provides compelling evidence that influencer marketing is not only here to stay but is also evolving into a central pillar of brand communication strategy.

Key Findings

- 1. Consumer Purchase Behavior Is Heavily Influenced by Influencers
 The survey results indicate that a large segment of consumers, especially those in the
 18–34 age group, are significantly influenced by social media content when making
 purchase decisions. Over 65% of respondents reported that influencer
 recommendations affect their purchasing decisions. The relatability, authenticity, and
 real-time engagement that influencers offer make them more persuasive than traditional
 advertising.
- 2. Fashion Industry Leads in Influencer Marketing Impact Among the three sectors studied, the fashion industry (represented by Nykaa) showed the highest ROI and consumer engagement. Influencers in this sector often provide makeup tutorials, product reviews, and personal style recommendations, which resonate well with audiences looking for authenticity. Nykaa's collaborations with both micro and macro-influencers have helped it build a loyal online community and drive conversions.
- 3. Tech Industry Sees High ROI but Relies on Macro-Influencers
 The tech industry, represented by boAt, is also performing well in terms of ROI from
 influencer campaigns. However, this sector largely relies on macro- and celebrity
 influencers for product promotions, tech reviews, and event-based campaigns. While
 this strategy garners massive reach and engagement, it is cost-intensive and slightly less
 personalized than campaigns in the fashion sector.
- 4. FMCG Sector Lags Behind in Engagement Despite Large Followings Patanjali, as a representative of the FMCG sector, has a broad consumer base but relatively lower engagement from influencer-led campaigns. One reason is that FMCG

products are seen as utilitarian, and campaigns often lack the aspirational pull seen in fashion and tech industries. Furthermore, Patanjali relies more on traditional and semi-influencer models, which limits the emotional connect with younger demographics.

- 5. Customer Likes and Dislikes Shape Campaign Effectiveness
 Consumers favor influencers who are perceived as genuine, consistent, and knowledgeable. The most liked content formats were product reviews, giveaways, and 'day in the life' videos. Disliked behaviors included excessive product promotions, lack of transparency (e.g., not disclosing sponsorships), and inconsistent content quality. Campaigns that align with these preferences perform significantly better in engagement and conversion metrics.
- 6. Micro-Influencers Offer Higher Engagement at Lower Cost Across all industries, the data suggest that micro-influencers (10k–100k followers) offer better engagement rates compared to mega influencers. Brands have started leveraging this segment more for niche targeting and community-building, resulting in better ROI for smaller campaigns.

Limitations

While the findings are insightful and relevant to today's marketing ecosystem, this study is not without its limitations:

1. **Sample** Size and Diversity
The survey was limited in scale (e.g., 23 responses), and while it provides directionally accurate insights, a larger and more demographically diverse sample could have yielded more statistically robust results.

2. Sector-Specific Constraints

The research focused on only one brand from each industry (Nykaa, boAt, and Patanjali), which may not fully represent the broad spectrum of influencer marketing strategies within each sector. Different brands within the same industry may have varying approaches and results based on budget, objectives, and target audience.

- 3. **Temporal**Influencer marketing trends evolve rapidly. The insights in this study reflect current preferences and strategies, but new platforms, changing algorithms, or shifts in consumer sentiment can alter outcomes significantly in a short span of time.
- 4. Limited Financial Transparency
 ROI analysis relied on estimated industry data and qualitative indicators like engagement rates, conversions, and consumer sentiment. Due to lack of access to exact campaign budgets and revenue impacts, precise ROI calculation was not possible.

5. Platform-Specific

Bias

The study focused predominantly on Instagram and YouTube, given their prominence in influencer marketing. Other platforms such as Snapchat, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, or emerging short-video platforms like Moj and Josh were not extensively analyzed, which could skew understanding of the overall digital influencer landscape.

Final Conclusion

Influencer marketing is no longer an optional add-on to brand strategy—it is a necessity, particularly in consumer-centric sectors. The success of influencer campaigns hinges on trust, relevance, and consistency. This research underlines the importance of **understanding consumer preferences**, segmenting influencers wisely, and crafting authentic content to maximize ROI.

Looking forward, brands must continually adapt their strategies based on platform trends, audience feedback, and competitive actions. Investing in data analytics, performance tracking tools, and long-term influencer relationships will become critical to sustained success. As influencer marketing matures, ethical considerations like disclosure, transparency, and content integrity will also take center stage in maintaining consumer trust.

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